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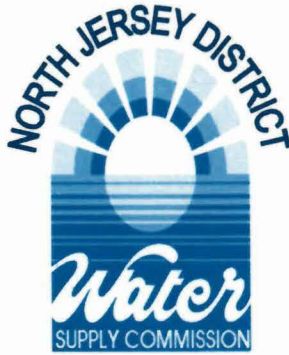
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May 22, 2017

Joseph Gowers  
Remedial Project Manager (RPM)  
Environmental Protection Agency– Region 2,  
290 Broadway, 19th Fl.,  
New York, N.Y. 10007-1866

**RE: Ringwood Mines Superfund Site  
Ringwood, New Jersey**

Dear Mr. Gowers:

The North Jersey District Water Supply Commission (the “Commission”) owns and operates the Wanaque Reservoir, an approximately 29 billion gallon water supply that serves the needs of millions of New Jersey residents and businesses. The Commission’s Wanaque Reservoir is located approximately 7.5 miles downgradient of the Ringwood Mines Superfund Site located in Ringwood, New Jersey, the remediation of which is under the direct authority, oversight and supervision of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”).

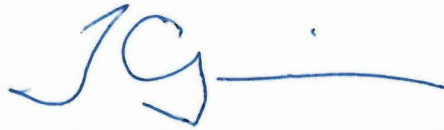
In response to the EPA’s recent investigative activities with respect to soil and groundwater contamination associated with the Ringwood Mines Superfund Site, and more particularly the recent detection of 1,4-dioxane, the Commission retained Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. (“Jacobs”) to assess the effectiveness of the proposed remedial plans for the Superfund Site and the risk of contaminants, including 1,4-dioxane, impacting the Wanaque Reservoir and finished water quality. On behalf of the Commission, enclosed herewith please find a copy of the “Final Report of the Potential Fate and Transport of Benzene, 1,4-Dioxane, Lead and Arsenic at the Ringwood Mines Superfund Site Relative to the Wanaque Reservoir,” prepared by Jacobs.

It is our understanding that the a Remedial Investigation (“RI”) addendum report and Feasibility Study (“FS”) for soil and groundwater is expected to be completed within the next two to three months that will serve as the basis for the

selection of a remedy(s) to address both soil and groundwater contamination. We request that the EPA review the Jacobs report and recommendations contained therein in the context of the preparation of the RI/FS and the ultimate recommended remedial action(s). The Commission further requests that the RI/FS and recommended remedial action(s) be provided directly to the Commission for review and comment.

Thank you very much for your consideration in this regard.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'TC' followed by a horizontal line.

Todd Caliguire, Executive Director

cc: Kenneth J. Petrone, Section Chief – NJDEP